

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of )  
NOGEE *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1634  
Serial No. 10/074,247 ) Examiner: J.C. Switzer  
Filed: February 14, 2002 ) Atty. Dkt. No. 001107.00229  
For: SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS ASSOCIATED WITH  
INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed May 15, 2003, Applicants elect group II, claims 9-17, 19, and 21-23, drawn to compositions comprising nucleic acid probes. Applicants elect nucleotide 243 as the SNP. Please also note that applicants believe that claim 20 should be included within group II. Claim 20 was not assigned to any of the five restriction groups. Correction is respectfully requested. Please charge any necessary fees, including a one-month extension of time fee to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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